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22 MAR 1961

V. [Signature]
Honorable Barry Goldwater
United States Senate
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Senator Goldwater:

I have given careful consideration to your letter of 7 March 1961 written on behalf of a man whose son was listed as missing and presumed dead in the Korean War. You ask whether we have any information to indicate that the Chinese Communists had not released all American military prisoners.

This matter is primarily within the jurisdiction of the Departments of State and Defense. Any information we have received over the years on this subject has been passed to these Departments. Unfortunately we have no information to add to that which I understand the Department of State passed on to you recently.

As I had a son gravely wounded in Korea and still an invalid, I can particularly understand the grief of the man who has written you, and if we should obtain any further information I shall pass it on to you.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

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Allen W. Dulles
Director

cc: Mr. Hoghland - State Department

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Honorable Barry Goldwater
United States Senate
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Senator Goldwater:

I have given careful consideration to your letter of 7 March 1961 which raises the question as to whether there is any information available to indicate that the Chinese Communists had not released all American military prisoners.

This is a matter which is primarily within the jurisdiction of the Departments of State and Defense and any information we receive on this subject has been passed to these Departments.

It is my understanding that the Department of State has written to you recently on this subject. We would have nothing further to add to the information which they have furnished you.

Sincerely,

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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<p>Remarks: As indicated in our telephone conversation I learned, in checking with Hoghland's office on the 1 February 1960 attachment, that State included that item as an enclosure to their letter to Senator Goldwater on this subject. I have, therefore, rewritten the letter excluding the reference to that release.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 250px; height: 50px; margin: 10px auto;"></div> <p style="text-align: center;">Assistant Legislative Counsel</p>			
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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE DIRECTOR

Attached is a proposed letter for your signature to Senator Goldwater who had asked on behalf of a constituent for any comments we might have concerning information relating to detention by the Chinese Communists of American military prisoners. We discussed this matter with Mr. Hogland, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Congressional Relations and learned a few weeks ago they had corresponded with Senator Goldwater on this subject. That correspondence is attached. Judging from the dates of the letters it is possible that Goldwater wrote to us prior to receiving his reply from State. This proposed reply has been discussed with [redacted] who had nothing to add.

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John S. Warner, Legislative Counsel

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